

5. Other Provisions of the Bill in Subcommittee Print.

Title V of the bill in Subcommittee print is substantially identical with the Administration proposal as contained in Part III of S. 83. It does contain the additional provision that in civil actions the United States shall be liable for costs the same as private persons. While it would be preferable if costs were not to be assessed against the United States in such actions, the inclusion of such a provision is not a matter of major importance.

Title VI of the bill in Subcommittee print along with S. 463 and S. 504 propose an amendment to 18 U.S. Code, section 1114, to add to the long list of federal officials the assaulting or killing of which while performing his official duties constitutes a federal crime uniformed members of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marine Corps. It seems to us that such a provision is only remotely related to the subject of civil rights and that such legislation should be considered separately on its own merits. Whether or not the bill should be enacted constitutes a question of policy concerning which the Department of Justice prefers to make no comment.

6. Other Bills Before the Subcommittee.

We are opposed to any such "Omnibus" bill as S. 510. It seems to us that the inevitable result of including so many different kinds of proposals in a single package is to insure its defeat.

S. 509 would make minor amendments to the existing criminal statutes dealing with peonage, slavery, and involuntary servitude. The Department has no objection to the enactment of such legislation, although we see no urgent need for it at this time and hence would prefer to concentrate efforts on securing the passage of the proposals which we have made.

S. 508 would among other things amend sections 241 and 242 of title 18, United States Code. While recognizing that there are some inadequacies in the

